Three developmental works amounting to Rs. 32.00 crore have been sanctioned for the improvement of NH-48 passing through Shiradi Ghat area (Shakaleshpur-Mangalore section). Out of these, two works have been awarded with twelve month completion period and are likely to be completed by June, 2008. For the third work, revised cost estimate based on tender is under consideration which will be completed after twelve months from the date of award. There has been some delay in the award and execution of sanctioned improvement works due to poor participation by contracting agencies.

Eastern by-pass for Jaipur

1935. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jaipur City needs an eastern by-pass to by-pass heavy vehicular traffic of National Highway;

(b) if so, by when the sanctions for by-pass connecting NH-8 (Ajmer-Jaipur) to NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk), NH-12 (Tonk-Jaipur) to NH-U (Jaipur-Agra) and NH-II (Agra-Jaipur) to NH-8 (Jaipur-Delhi) are to be accorded by Central Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) There is already a Jaipur by-pass on western side of NH-8 connecting NH-8 (Delhi-Jaipur), NH-11 (Jaipur-Bikaner) and NH-8 (Jaipur-Ajmer). The need for construction of Jaipur bypass on eastern side of NH-8 connecting NH-8 (Ajmer-Jaipur), NH-12 (Jaipur- Tonk), NH-11 (Jaipur-Agra) and NH-8 (Jaipur-Delhi) was under consideration for inclusion under NHDP Phase VII. Due to *inter-se* priority of works, Jaipur City is not in the list of cities identified so far by the Ministry for construction of Ring Roads/By-passes under the first phase of NHDP Phase VII *(i.e.* Phase VIIA). However, this phase is yet to be approved by the Government.

Four-laning of Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur road

†1936. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to develop and construct Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur road under NHDP into a four-lane road; and

(b) if so, the latest and complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) 4-laning of Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur section of NH-19 and NH-77 has been included under NHDP Phase IIIA on BOT basis.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.